



Procedure Section: **School Administration**

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Procedure Name: **Human Development and Sexual Health Exemptions – EXEMPTION LETTER**

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TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL/TEACHER:

NOTICE OF PERIOD OF INSTRUCTION

For the 20___ - 20___ school year, the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations will be covered during the following dates and times:

Parents/Guardians will be notified at least twenty (20) school days in advance of the period of instruction related to Human Development and Sexual Health expectations. Parents will also be notified of any subsequent period(s) of instructions. The current notice of exemptions will continue to apply.

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Having reviewed the Human Development and Sexual Health Expectations in the Elementary Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum for my child's grade, I would like my child to be exempted from instruction related to these expectations, without academic penalty. During the exemption period, I would like my child to:

Select only one (1) of the following:

- My child will be picked up** and will be released into my care, or the care of my approved designate, (following established school sign-out procedures), OR
- My child will stay in the classroom** without taking part in the instructional activities related to Human Development and Sexual Health. I understand that my child's activities unrelated to Human Development and Sexual Health during the exemption period will be at the discretion of the teacher, OR
- Please have my child leave the classroom and remain in the school** under staff supervision. I understand that my child's activities during the exemption period will be at the discretion of the teacher or Principal.

NOTE: If one (1) of the three (3) options above is not selected, the Principal, or the Principal's designate, will determine where in the school the child will be supervised.

I have read, understand, and agree with the following statements:

- The Human Development and Sexual Health Expectations in Strand 'D' of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum are different in every grade, so I must submit a completed exemption form every school year, for each child, in order for the child to be exempted from instruction related to Human Development and Sexual Health Expectations in that School Year;
- References to, or conversations about, sexual health related concepts among teachers, school staff, or other students outside of formal instruction in Human Development and Sexual Health are not subject to this exemption;
- My child will continue to receive instruction related to all other elementary health and physical education curriculum expectations;
- Requests for exemption made by phone, or exemption forms or written requests that do not have a parental signature, will not be accepted, emails will be accepted; ***and***
- This exemption form must be returned at least five (5) school days prior to the instructional period for my child to be excluded from instruction related to Human Development and Sexual Health Expectations in Strand 'D' of the Ontario Curriculum: Health and Physical Education, Grades 1-8. Principals have the discretion to waive the five (5) day requirement.

Child's Last Name: _____

Child's First Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent Guardian Signature: _____

Grade: _____ Class/Teacher: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

You will receive an acknowledgement from the school within three (3) school days of receiving this completed exemption letter. **If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact the school/teacher.**

Please return this signed form no less than five (5) school days prior to the instructional period.

Date: _____